# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2267
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IMPENDING EARTHQUAKES
M. JAGANNATH

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware that Disaster Mitigation and Management Centre warned that a damaging earthquake is likely to strike Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the action plan drawn by the Government to minimize or avert damage to life and property in the region;

(c) whether the Government have drawn similar action plan with regard to impending earthquakes in other parts of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a): Disaster Mitigation and Management Centre Uttranchal has not issued any warning for likely occurrence of earthquake in Uttranchal.

(b) to (e): It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to be in the state of preparedness and provide necessary relief to the affected people in the case of natural disasters. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments.It has so far been not possible to predict an earthquake in advance in regard to the timing, location and the intensity. The Central Government has already advised all the States falling in the seismic zones to prepare necessary action plans to meet any eventuality in case of an earthquake.